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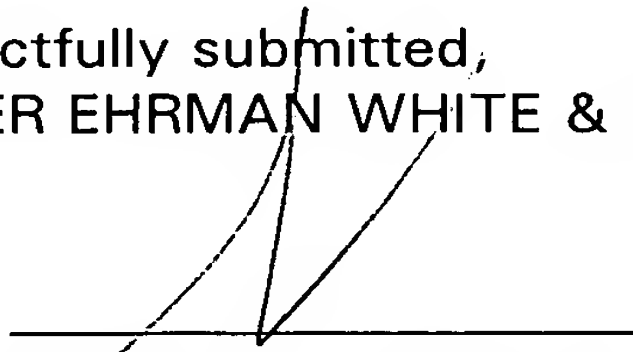
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all references known by Applicant or Applicant's representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicant's representative hereby provides this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that is prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98. Form PTO-1449 (1 page) and copies of the cited documents are provided herewith.

The cited documents, listed on Form PTO-1449 and supplied herewith, are in the English language with the exception of items B, C and D, which are in the French language. Items B (WO 01/44809), C (WO 01/86291) and D (WO 02/16606) are provided with certified English language translations (items I, J and K, respectively). Hence, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, as amended effective March 16, 1992, no further explanation of the listed items is necessary.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing references and information and that they be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

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OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

I	Certified English Translation of PCT Patent Application No. WO 01/44809, "Methods for Screening or Assessing the Performance of a Collection of Biological Agents in Living Target Cells, and their Applications."
J	Certified English Translation of PCT Patent Application No. WO 01/86291, "Method for Determining the Titer of Biological Agents in Living Target Cells."
K	Certified English Translation of PCT Patent Application No. WO 02/16606, "Method for Massive Directed Mutagenesis."
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